

GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
STATISTICIAN REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1955

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 30th September, 1954 -

Males - 332,382

Females - 312,230

Persons - 644,612

Metropolitan Area at 30th June, 1954 -

Persons - 348,500

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	DECEMBER		12 Months ended December	
	1954	1953	1954	1953
Marriages - Number	483	464	5,204	5,032
* Rate per 1000 of Population	8.78	8.66	8.13	8.10
Births - Number	1,429	1,305	15,928	15,862
* Rate per 1000 of Population	25.99	24.36	24.89	25.54
Deaths - Number	492	413	5,364	5,072
* Rate per 1000 of Population	8.95	7.71	8.38	8.17
Infant - Number	30	28	360	378
Mortality * Rate per 1000 Live Births	20.99	21.46	22.60	23.83
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis	6	2	61	46
Malignant neoplasms	81	66	776	738
Diabetes mellitus	3	5	51	45
Diseases of blood, etc.	-	3	17	20
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	56	59	638	577
Diseases of the heart	150	119	1,671	1,570
Hypertension with heart disease	17	9	164	155
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	7	11	85	88
Arteriosclerosis	8	13	144	170
Influenza	-	2	28	27
Pneumonia	16	11	164	193
Bronchitis	6	2	44	47
Other respiratory disease	6	9	60	47
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	2	45	42
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	4	1	29	17
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	1	7	6
Cirrhosis of the liver	3	1	19	29
Nephritis and nephrosis	7	6	82	76
Diseases of the prostate	4	5	54	49
Maternal causes	1	-	11	9
Diseases of early infancy	8	14	223	224
Motor Vehicle accidents	18	18	173	186
Other Accidents	22	17	202	200
Suicide	10	9	71	64
All other causes	57	28	545	447
Total:	492	413	5,364	5,072

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

* Deaths under one year.

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during January, 1955 totalled 53,785 acres, a decrease of 22,167 acres on the corresponding month last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 22,639 acres, a decrease of 101,807.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month of JANUARY		Seven months ended JANUARY	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	3,594,360	3,251,606	24,712,629	22,565,706
Revenue per Head of Population	5. 10. 9	5. 2. 10	38.6. 3	36. 0. 1
Expenditure	3,406,214	3,303,223	25,567,901	24,556,782
Expenditure per Head of Population	5. 5. 0	5. 4. 6	39.12.10	39. 3. 8

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balance on the 31st January, 1955, amounted to £53,060,052 or £81.12.8 per head of population as against £51,320,265 or £81.1.7 per head as at the 31st January last year.

BANK CLEARANCES

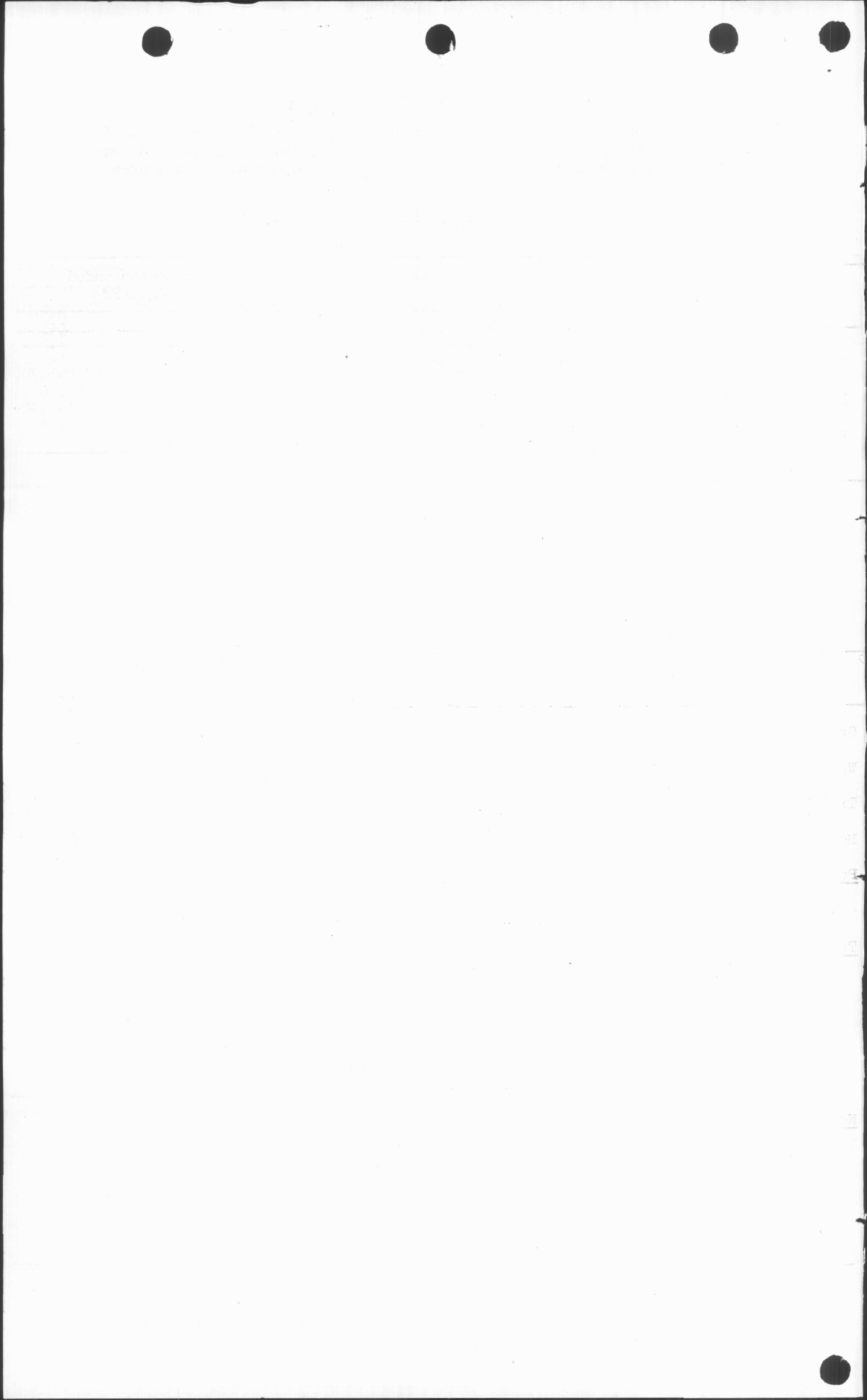
The average weekly clearance for the period ended 26th January, 1955 amounted to £15,077,015 compared with £15,084,395 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
		1955	1954	1955	1954
Transfers	No.	1,457	1,657	13,908	13,603
	£.	2,271,854	2,527,365	20,815,346	18,519,052
Mortgages	No.	939	1,356	10,229	11,644
	£.	1,881,291	2,113,057	19,107,637	18,271,349
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	667	924	6,837	7,487

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
January, 1955	4,473,326	1,826,250	9,394,056	539,168
January, 1954	3,818,219	2,731,156	8,791,094	505,042
Seven Months ended January, 1955	26,862,599	14,100,536	63,644,844	3,448,126
Seven Months ended January, 1954	23,306,111	15,337,388	55,587,013	3,419,405



COMPANIES REGISTERED

149 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £22,304,500 and 57 Foreign Companies were registered during the seven months ended January, 1955. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 120 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £9,841,503 and 46 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

	Seven Months ended JANUARY					
	1955			1954		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders	32	64,809	31,387	26	98,016	72,027
Deeds of Assignment (a)	14	63,874	78,287	13	55,848	75,468
Deeds of Arrangement	1	1,223	274	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:--

	December		Six Months ended December	
	1954	1953	1954	1953
Gross Earnings (a) * £.	1,084,200	1,072,500	6,198,500	5,398,900
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,107,273	1,201,709	6,842,587	6,854,652
Train Miles Run No.	698,985	646,781	3,845,781	3,577,470
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 116,528	(b) 148,776	(c) 747,938	(c) 928,193
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	844,411	615,485	4,665,094	4,116,603
Motor Bus No.	30,508	53,826	178,067	305,490
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	285,345	300,435	1,552,778	1,476,042
Livestock	9,755	10,137	73,960	74,107
Departmental (Free Freight)	83,207	65,067	460,180	383,166
<u>Total:</u>	378,307	375,639	2,086,918	1,933,315
<u>Net Tcn Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	47,883,512	51,039,549	263,781,453	252,139,953
Livestock	1,220,275	1,347,442	10,077,252	9,917,211
Departmental (Free Freight)	10,374,671	8,717,215	61,553,263	54,839,342
<u>Total:</u>	59,478,458	61,104,206	335,411,968	316,896,506

- (a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.
 (b) Four weeks ended 11th December.
 (c) Period ended 11th December
 * Figures liable to revision.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES)

	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,068	5,471	112	1,939
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,152	5,015	76	1,239
Year 1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,657	6,000	70	1,267
<u>1954</u>								
January	384	126	11	68	669	337	13	108
February	409	191	5	66	724	461	8	100
March	405	176	3	70	724	476	4	113
April	516	166	7	77	907	453	9	129
May	538	190	-	47	951	500	4	91
June	594	227	-	42	1,086	528	4	89
July	638	253	-	40	1,169	584	3	90
August	628	248	-	61	1,117	576	3	106
September	564	250	3	54	1,063	512	9	93
October	672	196	1	77	1,132	493	5	116
November	564	241	-	61	1,004	572	2	108
December	587	223	4	73	1,111	508	6	122

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS) /

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1952</u> -								
June	37,873	16,368	522	9,952	64,180	50,897	988	16,041
<u>1953</u> -								
June	41,231	18,394	537	9,855	69,833	54,639	1,035	15,559
December	44,513	19,429	567	9,817	73,825	55,782	1,071	15,022
<u>1954</u> -								
January	44,889	19,556	577	9,798	73,329	54,141	1,022	14,345
February	45,135	19,687	583	9,787	74,505	55,735	1,086	14,727
March	45,339	19,726	585	9,757	75,443	56,628	1,093	14,963
April	45,790	19,862	591	9,767	76,142	56,760	1,099	14,892
May	46,097	19,929	591	9,685	77,335	57,764	1,106	15,041
June	47,819	20,400	593	9,692	78,217	58,471	1,117	15,237
July	49,202	20,959	592	9,744	78,996	57,168	1,121	14,298
August	49,904	21,159	592	9,733	80,187	57,596	1,124	14,332
September	50,456	21,274	593	9,710	81,238	57,973	1,131	14,348
October	51,017	21,432	594	9,737	81,910	57,915	1,124	14,336
November	(a) 51,344	21,510	590	9,663	(a) 83,269	59,215	1,132	14,609
December	52,072	21,721	590	9,713	84,868	60,144	1,136	14,886

/ Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles which comprised for December, 1954:-
92 Cars: 770 Wagons, Vans, etc.: 7 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

(a) Revised.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Trade of Western Australia, December 1954 and 1953, and Six months ended December, 1954 and 1953, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	DECEMBER		6 Months ended December		DECEMBER		6 Months ended December	
	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953
Oversea	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Interstate	3,536	3,934	23,330	20,698	7,700	7,781	31,757	39,198
	6,652	5,356	45,745	41,039	1,201	1,159	7,593	11,807
Total:-	10,188	9,290	69,075	61,737	8,901	8,940	39,350	51,005

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BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
Year 1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1954 -										
March Qr.	715	1,827	944	2,491	22	313	163	990	1,844	5,621
June Qr.	828	2,224	1,195	3,123	22	192	187	1,043	2,232	6,582
September Qr.	771	2,071	1,292	3,431	34	837	261	1,612	2,358	7,951
December Qr.	813	2,133	1,613	4,446	33	202	233	1,370	2,692	8,151

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Including Owner-Built Homes)

Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls										
Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total		
No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	
	£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000	
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,368	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954 -										
March Qr.	568	1,895	82	215	970	2,115	1	1	1,621	4,226
June Qr.	731	2,463	44	107	1,199	2,631	1	1	1,975	5,202
September Qr.	726	2,485	48	109	1,195	2,733	1	1	1,970	5,328
December Qr.	840	2,924	40	99	1,459	3,354	1	1	2,340	6,378

GOLD PRODUCTION

		JANUARY		12 Months ended DECEMBER	
		1955	1954	1954	1953
<u>GOLD</u>					
Quantity	Fine ozs.	65,711	58,689	850,546	823,912
Value (Aust. Currency) * £.		1,026,730	909,185	13,249,779	12,763,762
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£.	-	-	1,784,893	1,432,852

* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	DECEMBER QUARTER		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER QUARTER		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953
Metropolitan Area	2,798	2,656	2,802	2,608	2,502	2,314	2,459	2,295
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	2,953	2,777	2,910	2,738	2,442	2,374	2,426	2,361
Northam	2,858	2,679	2,817	2,630	2,470	2,336	2,417	2,315
Bunbury	2,853	2,708	2,841	2,636	2,512	2,344	2,447	2,314
Geraldton	2,887	2,768	2,870	2,698	2,638	2,449	2,577	2,421
Collie	2,886	2,752	2,869	2,671	2,316	2,242	2,299	2,211

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician

Month	1953			1954		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	127,573	39,805	167,378	133,021	41,620	174,641
February	128,682	40,835	169,517	133,165	42,375	175,540
March	129,232	41,012	170,244	133,924	42,595	176,519
April	129,666	41,211	170,877	133,517	42,811	176,328
May	129,673	41,189	170,862	134,347	42,768	177,115
June	130,185	41,029	171,214	134,969	42,685	177,754
July	130,540	41,132	171,672	134,232	42,947	177,179
August	130,351	41,296	171,647	134,960	42,933	177,893
September	130,899	41,443	172,342	134,947	43,186	178,133
October	131,392	41,824	173,216	135,008	43,559	178,567
November	131,948	42,192	174,140	135,645	43,962	179,607
December	132,572	42,634	175,206	135,481	44,179	179,660

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))				
	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
January	194	208	214	213	223
February	197	212	216	217	223
March	200	215	216	220	225
April	200	215	215	221	224
May	203	216	214	222	224
June	202	215	211	220	226
July	204	218	211	220	225
August	204	217	212	220	225
September	204	216	211	220	224
October	206	217	212	221	226
November	207	217	213	222	227
December	207	215	213	223	228

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1953, are preliminary.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male		Female	Male		Female	Male		Female
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
27/7/53	12.	6.	6	8.	0.	3	12.	6.	0
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ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA
(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	37,220	32,992	261,097	227,027
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	33,515	29,554	234,507	203,323

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
January, 1955	8,311	403	85,456	12,898
January, 1954	7,499	575	71,203	8,845
7 Months ended January, 1955	74,014	3,153	778,415	102,748
7 Months ended January, 1954	66,323	3,710	726,267	64,570

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954										
January	312	139	168	62	480	201	5	6	231	100
February	303	120	175	63	478	183	10	8	222	99
March	333	106	206	97	539	203	4	9	263	132
April	386	157	226	79	612	236	6	6	265	117
May	461	156	216	68	677	224	11	5	272	94
June	433	140	220	65	653	205	13	3	265	91
July	499	167	220	90	719	257	9	7	287	137
August	438	195	206	66	644	261	10	9	251	101
September	400	147	202	54	602	201	6	3	242	76
October (a)	501	171	206	93	707	264	13	16	237	130
November (a)	471	151	188	57	659	208	1	5	272	84
December	535	175	182	80	717	255	8	12	221	120
Total 12 Months Ended December, 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281

(a) Revised.

ITEMS OF FACTORY PRODUCTION (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	JANUARY		7 Months Ended JANUARY	
		1955	1954	1955	1954
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath-Heaters - solid fuel	no.	279	370	4,383	4,475
Bricks (in terms of standard size) - Cement	'000	862	484	8,132	4,624
- Clay	'000	5,152	5,625	58,133	50,005
Cement, Portland	ton	7,544	8,500	82,529	68,505
Enamels	gal.	1,271	1,936	23,077	28,915
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yds	147	143	1,398	1,305
Paints (Ready Mixed) Ex- cluding Water Paints	gal.	12,591	14,325	125,840	95,137
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	642	468	6,404	5,751
Timber, Sawn	'000 sup.ft.	(a)16,488	(b)15,640	(c)114,757	(d)112,371
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	466	467	5,586	4,864
Raincoats (inc. Oilskins)					
Men's and Boys'	no.	718	1,721	15,567	15,245
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	doz.	2,101	2,594	34,013	30,248
Sports Coats Men's	no.	432	453	5,786	5,880
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	163	226	3,697	3,578
- 2 piece	no.	958	1,729	14,542	15,335
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	2,572	2,499	31,947	33,884
- Work (Cotton and Wool)	no.	4,516	8,138	85,909	73,382
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots and Shoes (all types)	pair	16,967	25,699	235,955	296,936
Sandals	pair	4,349	7,114	124,090	110,655
Slippers	pair	11,615	34,470	248,334	382,625
<u>Food</u>					
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	555	615	4,543	4,632
Butter	'000 lb.	867	997	13,067	11,675
Cheese	'000 lb.	76	225	2,094	2,342
Confectionary (not chocolate)	'000 lb.	192	148	2,314	1,966
Jams	'000 lb.	61	83	355	465
Margarine	'000 lb.	57	76	649	638
Oatmeal	cwt.	4,445	9,406	24,274	55,509
Sauce - Tomato	pint	40,312	68,821	389,346	398,421
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Hydrochloric	cwt.	54	30	719	780
- Nitric	cwt.	16	4	104	118
- Sulphuric	ton	15,320	12,445	85,096	85,307
Cycles, Pedal	no.	427	676	5,062	5,005
Gas Produced	million cu.ft.	111	105	871	851
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	1,262	1,365	12,550	10,973
- Woven Wire	no.	990	2,153	19,876	16,649
- Soft Filled	no.	2,359	3,249	24,018	26,194
Motor Vehicle Bodies -					
Truck Trays	no.	54	76	619	634
Utilities (all types)	no.	19	2	216	141
Trailers (all types)	no.	9	14	112	78
Perambulators	no.	64	73	466	651

- (a) December 1954 Figures, January 1955 Not Available.
 (b) December 1953 Figures.
 (c) Six months ended December 1954.
 (d) Six months ended December 1953.

